



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Clark County

In July 2014 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Stacy Lemuel Andrew Bryant** (MA60175312) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that when Bryant was locked in his room as a patient at a hospital's behavioral health unit, he became angry, punched the floors and ceiling, threw furniture, and damaged the fire sprinkler system to the extent that it caused flooding in the facility. Police were called and Bryant allegedly assaulted two officers. In 2013 Bryant was convicted of third-degree assault and third-degree malicious mischief.

In July 2014 the Massage Program ended conditions on the credential of massage practitioner **Karrisa J. Wessa** (MA60060120).

## King County

In August 2014 the Mental Health Counselor Program ended probation for mental health counselor **Nancy E. Dannemiller**, also known as Nancy Elizabeth Hanson (LH60118468).

In July 2014 the Dental Commission ended conditions on the credential of dentist **Betsy Rocio Mosquera** (DE00009746).

In July 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional **Kimberly V. Marie Rohwer** (CO60236189, CP60229246).

In August 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended conditions on the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional **Seth P. Welch** (CO60149934, CP60344745).

In August 2014 the Massage Program granted a massage practitioner credential to **Huyen Han T. Bui** (MA60406992) and placed her on probation for at least three years. In 2013 Bui was convicted of trafficking-in contraband cigarettes.

In July 2014 the Nursing Commission ended probation for registered nurse **Flor D. Cruz** (RN00076122).

### **Kitsap County**

In August 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Kathy Lynn Null** (NC10089837) that places her on probation for at least two years. Null must complete continuing education in law and ethics as well as in errors and mistakes, and pay a \$250 fine. Null's authority to administer medication had been rescinded at the facility where she worked, but she was assigned to that duty anyway. She gave a patient a morphine dose that was to be given every 12 hours, but gave the patient the next dose just five hours later. Null reported the error the next day.

### **Lincoln County**

In August 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Daniel R. Abell** (NC10080241) with unprofessional conduct. In 2014 Abell pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree child molestation.

### **Pierce County**

In August 2014 the Massage Program ended probation for massage practitioner **Angela M. Hughes** (MA60080226).

In July 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a registered nursing assistant credential to **Maura Monica Chavez** (NA60474638) and placed her on probation for at least one year. In 2012 Chavez was convicted of third-degree theft and in 2014 she was convicted of second-degree attempted organized retail theft.

In August 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing assistant credential of **Ariana Celine Garin** (NA60131061), which was suspended in 2010 when she didn't comply with an agreement requiring her to undergo a substance abuse evaluation.

In August 2014 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Thomas Anthony Velickoff** (CH00034710) with unprofessional conduct. Velickoff allegedly touched a patient's pubic area, breasts, and buttocks without discussing, explaining, or documenting a clinical need.

In August 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Cecilia Vasconcelle Jones** (RN00061483) with unprofessional conduct. Jones allegedly didn't follow a physician's instructions regarding treatment of a 92-year-old patient who ultimately underwent vascular surgery.

### **Snohomish County**

In July 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Subha L. Reddy** (NA00193267) with unprofessional conduct. Reddy allegedly stole and sold jewelry that belonged to a patient for whom she provided care.

### **Spokane County**

In July 2014 the Home Care Aide Program ended conditions on the credential of home care aide **Samuel William Wyant** (HM60311473).

In August 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Tanya K. Sturm** (CO60475923) and placed her on probation. Sturm must undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program, and complete continuing education in professional law and ethics. In 2012 her registered nursing assistant credential was suspended for at least two years.

In August 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended conditions on the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Robert Allen Miller II** (CO60255495).

In August 2014 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged paramedic **Ashley N. Stady** (ES60253357) with unprofessional conduct. While treating a patient who had complained of breathing difficulties, Stady allegedly gave the patient what she thought was an anesthetic. Charges say the drug increased the heart's pumping strength and the kidney blood supply instead. The patient subsequently died. A medical review determined the medication error was a contributing factor.

### **Thurston County**

In August 2014 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Robert C. Harris** (DE00006413) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Harris didn't keep records when he prescribed controlled substances to a patient, he allowed a dental assistant to perform dental tasks, and he didn't report a patient's hospitalization. He allegedly treated a number of patients who developed problems related to implants.

### **Whatcom County**

In August 2014 the Medical Commission ended conditions on the credential of physician **Carlton K. McQueen** (MD00039789).

### **Yakima County**

In July 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Christopher Nathan Babcock** (CO60472863) and directed him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 1993 Babcock pleaded guilty to reckless driving; in 1995 he was convicted of fourth-degree domestic violence—assault and battery; and third-degree malicious mischief. In 1998 he was convicted of third-degree driving while license suspended; in 2007 he was convicted of driving while intoxicated; and in 2009 he was convicted of third-degree assault—law enforcement, and reckless driving.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In July 2014 the Nursing Commission modified an agreement with registered nurse **Paul A. Casey** (RN00112183) to allow him more time to complete a refresher course.

**North Carolina:** In July 2014 the Nursing Commission reinstated the registered nurse credential of **Tina M. Peek** (RN00172809), which was suspended in 2010 after she voluntarily surrendered her Oregon credential.

**Oregon:** In August 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Vallyna D. Michaelis** (RN00162605) with unprofessional conduct. Her Oregon license was placed on probation in 2014 after she admitted to a pain medication dependency following a 2012 driving while intoxicated arrest in which Michaelis admitted to driving after taking a sleep medication and drinking alcohol.

**Oregon:** In August 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Diana M. Guy** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Guy has no Washington credential as a dental hygienist or as an expanded function dental auxiliary assistant. She allegedly worked in those capacities, assessing and treating patients.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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